

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of 2009 Iowa Code Supplement section 135.175(5) as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2384, section 5, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to adopt new Chapter 111, “Iowa Needs Nurses Now Infrastructure Account,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These rules provide for the awarding of grants for infrastructure to improve the education of nurses and nurse educators in Iowa and to enhance the clinical experience for nurses.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed rules on or before October 12, 2010. Such written comments should be directed to Michelle Holst, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)242-6384 or by E-mail to mholst@idph.state.ia.us.

These rules are intended to implement 2009 Iowa Code Supplement section 135.175(5) as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2384, section 5.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following **new** 641—Chapter 111:

CHAPTER 111

IOWA NEEDS NURSES NOW INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT

641—111.1(135) Scope and purpose. The Iowa needs nurses now infrastructure account is established to award grants for clinical simulators, laboratory facilities, health information technology and other infrastructure to improve the education of nurses and nurse educators in the state and to enhance the clinical experience for nurses. Moneys in the account shall consist of moneys appropriated or allocated for deposit in or received by the fund or the account and specifically dedicated to the Iowa needs nurses now infrastructure account for the purposes of the account. Grants from the account may not be used for the construction of buildings. Grants awarded shall authorize the use of a reasonable portion of the grant moneys for training in the use of the infrastructure purchased with the grant moneys. These rules shall be implemented only to the extent funding is available.

641—111.2(135) Definitions. For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“Department ” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Iowa Needs Nurses Now Coalition” means the coalition of nurse, health, education and business leaders who understand that nurses are important to families and communities.

641—111.3(135) Eligibility and criteria. To be eligible for an Iowa needs nurses now infrastructure grant, an organization shall:

111.3(1) Be an educational institution with prelicensure nursing education programs approved by the Iowa board of nursing.

111.3(2) Address the long-term sustainability of the infrastructure project to be funded through the grant.

641—111.4(135) Review process.

111.4(1) The department shall follow requirements for competitive selection contained in 641—Chapter 176 in awarding grants pursuant to this chapter.

111.4(2) The department shall establish a request for proposal and application process for organizations eligible to receive funding. The review process and review criteria shall be described in the request for proposal.

111.4(3) The department shall establish a committee to review proposals and make recommendations to the department. The committee membership may include representation from the following:

- a.* Iowa board of nursing;
- b.* Iowa Nurses Association;
- c.* Iowa Needs Nurses Now Coalition; and
- d.* Iowa department of education.

111.4(4) The department shall consider financial need of the applying entity as a criterion in determining grant awards.

111.4(5) The department shall consider geographic areas where there is limited access to clinical facilities due to geographic location or limited patient census to support eligible students as a criterion in determining grant awards.

111.4(6) The department shall consider collaboration between education programs and clinical facilities as a criterion in determining grant awards.

641—111.5(135) Performance standards. A grantee shall provide clinical experiences for nurses and nurse educators that:

1. Expand the capacity of its nursing program in terms of opportunities for increased learning by the students completing the program.
2. Offer educational opportunities in geographic areas where there is limited access to clinical facilities due to geographic location or limited patient census to support eligible students.
3. Enhance learning opportunities for the students in the nursing program.

641—111.6(135) Appeals. An applicant may appeal the denial of a properly submitted grant application. Appeals shall be governed by rule 641—176.8(135,17A).

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